

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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STANDARDISATION OF AYURVEDIC MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have set world level standards for the Ayurvedic medicines being manufactured in the country in view of their world wide demands;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the units manufacturing costly medicines like the Swarnbhasm, Hirakbhasm, Paradbhasm, Kesaryakta by using modern equipment in their manufacture;
- (d) whether the substitutes of the above medicines bearing the same names are being sold in the market which are of inferior quality; and
- (e) if so, the measures being taken by the Government to check the same and to enforce a prescribed standard in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a)&(b): Government has set up Ayurvedic Pharmacopoeia Committee to lay down the standards and guidelines to prepare Ayurvedic drugs.

The standards of 158 Ayurvedic drugs of plant origin have been published and monographs of another 100 drugs are under publication.

385 single drugs of plant origin of Ayurvedic, Siddha and Unani drugs and 275 Ayurvedic compound formulations have been allocated to 32 Laboratories/Institutions to develop pharmacopoeial standards.

(c) As per information available with the Central Council for Research in Ayurveda & Siddha (CCRAS), M/s Zandu, Baidyanath, Sandu, Dabur, Charak, Dhootapapeshwar, Unjha etc. are among those who use modern equipments while manufacturing such items.

(d)&(e) The quality of the medicines is checked by the State authorities who are empowered to take action under the law where warranted. Government is in the process of assisting State Drug Testing Laboratories to modernize their units so that they are equipped to test the samples of ISM&H medicines.